The Apocrypha and Book of Enoch

In recent years, with the rise of social media, there has been some confusion regarding ancient texts like the Apocrypha and Book of Enoch. Some claim these “hidden” books were removed from the Bible and should be treated as Scripture. 1 Thessalonians 5:21 tells us to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good" and 2 Timothy 2:16 also tells us to avoid "profane and vain babblings." This document examines some of the material found in these two texts so readers can decide for themselves whether or not they believe they are the Word of God.

Part I. Apocrypha: The Lost Books?

The Apocrypha is a collection of 14 books often promoted by the catholic and east orthodox religions. It’s filled with chronological mistakes, bizarre occultic stories, and doctrines that directly oppose the biblical gospel.

Why was it included in the 1611 King James Bible?

Advocates of the Apocrypha have claimed that the KJV translators believed it to be inspired Scripture, but this is not the case. In the 1611 Authorized Version, the 14 extra books were confined to a separate section between the Old and New Testament. Every page of this section was explicitly labeled "Apocrypha," a term coined by Jerome that means "hidden," referring to the fact that **there were no original Hebrew manuscripts** for any of them. (More on this later.)

Furthermore, the Church of England’s own 1611 statement of faith (article 6 of the 39 articles) specifically lists the main 66 books and states that the apocryphal books **were not to be used to establish any doctrine**. They were included for historical reading purposes only and were removed in the 1769 edition.

Historical Inaccuracies

The Apocrypha makes glaring historical errors that contradict both secular history and the Bible. If it has **any mistakes at all**, it isn't the Word of God.

The Bible	**The Apocrypha**
Nebuchadnezzar was the King of **Babylon** (Jeremiah 50:17-18)	Nebuchadnezzar was the King of the **Assyrians** (Judith 1:5)
The Babylonian captivity was prophesied to last exactly **70 years** (Jeremiah 25:11)	The Babylonian captivity would last for **7 generations** (Baruch 6:2)
Haman was an **Agagite**. It makes no historical sense for Persia to make a Greek second-in-command while at war with Greece (Esther 3:1)	Haman was a **Macedonian/Greek** (Additions to Esther 16:10)
Darius the Mede cast Daniel into the lions' den (Daniel 6:1, Daniel 6:16)	**King Cyrus of Persia** cast Daniel into the lions' den (Bel and the Dragon 1:1)
Daniel remained in the lions' den for **one night** (Daniel 6:16-19)	Daniel remained in the lions' den for **six days** (Bel and the Dragon 1:31)
God preserved the three men in the fiery furnace and they walked in the midst of the intense heat unharmed (Daniel 3:25)	An angel smote the flames out of the oven and cooled the furnace down (Prayer of Azariah 1:26-27)
God publishes His Word in multiple languages so the world can understand (Esther 1:22, Daniel 4:1, Acts 2:4-11)	Translating the Bible makes it lose its "force" or power (Sirach 1:1)

Dangerous False Doctrines

The Apocrypha promotes heretical doctrines that even negate biblical salvation. If there are **any contradictions at all**, it isn't the Word of God.

The Bible	**The Apocrypha**
Salvation is a free gift by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone (Acts 16:30-31, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 11:6, others)	Almsgiving **(giving money)** purges away sin and delivers a person from death (Tobit 12:9)
Atonement is made solely by the shed blood of Jesus Christ (Romans 5:11)	Honoring your father makes an atonement for sins (Sirach 3:3)
A "great gulf" is fixed after death, eternal destinations are sealed, and prayers cannot rescue souls from hell (Luke 16:26)	Prayers for the dead and financial offerings can make reconciliation for dead idolaters to deliver them from sin (2 Maccabees 12:43-45)
Repenting of (turning from) sin is a good thing, but it's **works**, so **not** part of salvation (Jonah 3:10)	Repenting of sin and reforming your life are **requirements** to be saved (Prayer of Manasseh 1:7)
Death entered the world because of Adam's sin (Romans 5:12)	Death entered the world through the envy of the devil (Wisdom 1:13)
Everyone is a sinner (Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23, Ecclesiastes 7:20)	Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob did not sin (Prayer of Manasseh 1:8)

Bizarre and Occult Stories

- **Witchcraft:** Tobit 6:7 instructs characters to burn a fish's heart and liver to create smoke that drives away the devil and evil spirits.

- **Pre-Existence of Souls:** Wisdom 8:19-20 teaches the unbiblical (and even mormon-like) doctrine that souls pre-exist in heaven and that a "good spirit" comes into an "undefiled body" at birth.

- **Absurdities:** In Tobit 2:9-10, a supposedly godly man becomes blind for four years because sparrows dropped dung into his eyes.

- **Strange Health Rules:** 2 Maccabees 15:39 claims that it is unhealthy to drink water without mixing it with wine.

- **Perverted Stories:** Susanna 1:15-21 is very graphically vulgar, detailing two men hiding in the bushes to watch a married woman bathe herself and then plotting to extort her into sleeping with them.

- **The Exploding Dragon:** Bel and the Dragon 1:27 majorly changes the story of Daniel, portraying him more like a chemist than a man of God, and claims he used a strange concoction to kill a literal dragon by making it explode.

- **Morbid Suicide:** 2 Maccabees 14:41-46 gives a graphic account of Razis attempting suicide by sword, failing, jumping off a wall, then pulling out his own bowels and flinging them at a crowd.

- **Habakkuk's Painful Flight:** Bel and the Dragon 1:36 tells the bizarre story of an angel picking up the prophet Habakkuk by his hair and flying him across the desert to deliver a bowl of stew to Daniel.

- **The Liar's Prayer:** Judith 9:10-13 records Judith specifically asking God to help her use deceit and lies to accomplish her goals, which directly violates God's holy nature. (Proverbs 12:22)

Consider the Source: Masoretic Text vs. Septuagint / LXX

As mentioned earlier, the Apocrypha has no original Hebrew manuscripts to draw from like the real Old Testament. It was instead taken from the Septuagint, a supposed translation of the Old Testament into the Greek language that was also missing **35 verses** from the story of David and Goliath, **200 verses** from Job, **234 verses** from Jeremiah, and **150 verses** from Ezekiel. Is that a reliable source?

In fact, no modern Bible versions fully use the Septuagint for their Old Testament because of obvious problems like this. The KJV uses the Hebrew Masoretic Text exclusively, while false Bibles like the NIV, ESV, NLT, RSV, and New King James use **a mixture** of Hebrew originals and the Septuagint. (This also highlights their reconstructive, man-made nature and lack of faith in God to preserve His Word.)

The modern Septuagint alters the genealogies in Genesis by adding 100 years to the ages of patriarchs when they had children. Mathematically, this results in Methuselah **living past the flood**. In the Septuagint's timeline, the years from Methuselah's birth to the flood are 167 (to Lamech) + 188 (to Noah) + 600 (to the flood) = 955 years. Since he lived for 969 years, he would have remained alive for 14 years after the flood began (969 - 955) which is obviously impossible. (Genesis 5:25-28, Genesis 7:6-11)

Tobit also supposedly lives to be 185 years old (or 158 in conflicting versions of the Septuagint) which directly contradicts the post-flood, post-Genesis biblical timeline where lifespans have dramatically decreased. (Tobit 14:11)

In Psalm 14:3, the Septuagint contains a major corruption wherein Paul's words from Romans 3:13-18 were inserted into the Old Testament. The Masoretic Text correctly ends the verse at *"no, not one,"* but the Greek adds several other lines to force the two to match. This back-dating of Scripture is even acknowledged in some catholic footnotes, such as in the 1970 New American Bible, which admits that these verses were first in Romans and later added to various Greek and Latin manuscripts. If they had no issue changing this verse, what else was changed?

The legend of the Septuagint's origin (in the "Letter of Aristeas") claims that 72 men were kept in isolated cells and all translated the entire Old Testament and Apocrypha from memory, miraculously producing 72 word-for-word identical translations. While the KJV rejects such an obvious fraud entirely, the Apocrypha and modern "Bibles" rely on this same Septuagint as a primary source of truth.

Did Jesus and the Apostles use the Septuagint?

Some modern scholars claim that Jesus and the Apostles read and quoted from the Greek Septuagint. However, there is no solid historical proof that a completed Greek Old Testament even existed before Christ. The primary manuscripts used for the Septuagint today (Codex Vaticanus and Codex Alexandrinus) were written hundreds of years after Christ. They're not the same texts. An example verse to prove this will be given later in the “Quoting Myth” section of this document.

Part II. The Book of Enoch: A Jewish Fable

The Book of Enoch is a work of **pseudepigrapha**, that is, a forgery written in the name of Enoch to give itself authority. Copies were found starting in 1947 among the Dead Sea Scrolls, maintained by the Qumran sect (an isolated cult of apostate jews known for adding unbiblical rules to God's law). Members were required to live in a desert commune and surrender their money and private property to the leadership, while following a man they all called “the teacher of righteousness.” Out of 930 scrolls found in the 11 caves near the Dead Sea, only roughly 230 were Bible books. The remaining 700 scrolls are private writings and strange doctrines of this secluded group, including **altered versions** of Genesis and Deuteronomy.

The "Buried Truth" Fallacy

God promised to preserve His words to all generations "from henceforth and for ever." The Bible says the Word is "nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart." It thus defies biblical logic to believe that God would bury His "true" Word in a cave near the Dead Sea for 2,000 years, only to be randomly discovered in the mid-20th century. God wants His Word preached openly, not hidden in the dirt.

Historical Anachronisms

The Book of Enoch describes the title character traveling to “the land of Dan” and mentions Mount Sinai (1 Enoch 13:7, 1 Enoch 1:4) long before the flood occurred. The tribe of Dan and their geographic territory **didn’t exist until centuries later**, proving the fraudulent book was written by someone unfamiliar with biblical history. Moreover, 1 Enoch 13:9 also mentions the geographic location of "Senir," while Deuteronomy 3:9 explicitly states that "Senir" is the name the Amorites called Mount Hermon. Since the Amorites (descendants of Canaan) also did not exist until centuries later, Enoch could not have used this name.

Mythology vs. Biblical Truth

The Book of Enoch replaces history with Greek mythology and science fiction.

The Bible	**The Book of Enoch**
Noah was warned of God and built the ark to save his family (Hebrews 11:7)	**Angels** are the ones who built the ark (1 Enoch 67:2)
Giants (Nephilim) were large men, usually **7-12 feet tall**, like Goliath or Og of Bashan (1 Samuel 17:4)	Giants were **450 feet tall human-angel hybrids** that ate all of the earth's crops and devoured humans (1 Enoch 7:2)
God sent the flood to **judge the violent people** and repented that He had **made** man (Genesis 6:5-7)	God sent the flood to **eradicate the human-angel hybrids** and repented that He had **destroyed** man (1 Enoch 9:9-10, 1 Enoch 55:1)
Satan (the serpent) tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-5)	**An angel named Gadreel** tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden (1 Enoch 69:4-9)
The "sons of God" are those who believe in the Lord (Romans 8:14, Hosea 1:10, Philippians 2:15, John 1:12, 1 John 3:1)	The "sons of God" are fallen angels that mated with humans (1 Enoch 6:1-2) This **directly contradicts** Hebrews 1:5

Spotlight on the Nephilim

The core Scripture used for the Book of Enoch's Nephilim fantasy is Genesis 6:4, which ironically disproves the book's foundational premise when read carefully. *"There were giants in the earth **in those days; and also after that,** when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men..."* The grammar here clearly shows that giants existed before the believer/unbeliever union and were not the result of it.

Additional Absurdities in Enoch

- **Cosmology:** 1 Enoch 75:3 claims that the sun and moon are literal chariots driven through portals in the sky by the wind.
- **Origin of Makeup:** 1 Enoch 8:1-2 claims that fallen angels were the ones who taught women how to do gardening and use makeup.
- **Noah's Laser Eyes:** 1 Enoch 106:2-3 claims that baby Noah was born with eyes that shot rays of light that illuminated the whole house.
- **Scientific Inaccuracy:** 1 Enoch 72:37 claims that the sun and moon are the exact same size.
- **Demons Invented Weapons:** 1 Enoch 8:1 claims that fallen angels were the ones responsible for teaching mankind how to make weapons of warfare.
- **Mythological Sirens:** 1 Enoch 19:2 claims women who mated with angels were turned into bird-like mythological creatures.

The Antichrist Agenda

- It steals messianic titles like "The Son of Man," "The Elect One," and "The Righteous One," applying them to Enoch himself. (1 Enoch 71:14)
- It depicts Enoch sitting on a throne of glory to judge sinners and slay the unrighteous with the word of his mouth - a position reserved solely for the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Enoch 45:3, 1 Enoch 62:2)
- Enoch transforms into a "great animal" with "great black horns" on his head. This mirrors the imagery of the antichrist and false prophet in Revelation 13, showing the sinister, satanic inspiration behind the text. (1 Enoch 90:38)

Part III. The “Quoting” Myth

Some have claimed that Jesus and the Apostles validate the Apocrypha or Book of Enoch by “quoting them” in various places of the New Testament. In this section, we will examine some of the most common arguments.

- **Claim: The Apostles read from the Greek Septuagint**
  Matthew 2:15 quotes Hosea 11:1, saying *"And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of **the Lord** by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called **my son**."* This matches the Hebrew text of Hosea 11:1 perfectly: *"When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called **my son** out of Egypt."* Conversely, the Greek Septuagint wrongly translates Hosea 11:1 as *"I called **his children** out of Egypt."* So which one did Matthew have in front of him? The same text used in the KJV, not the Septuagint.

- **Claim: Jude 14-15 quotes 1 Enoch 1:9**
  Jude states that the historical Enoch **prophesied**, not that he wrote a book. The Dead Sea Scroll fragment (4Q204) supposedly containing 1 Enoch 1:9 is only three lines long in Aramaic and does not even match the text in Jude.

- **Claim: Jesus quotes Enoch in Matthew 22**
  In Matthew 22:29-30, Jesus teaches that angels do not marry. This actually **contradicts** the Book of Enoch's core idea that angels took human wives.

- **Claim: 2 Peter 2:4-5 validates Enoch's "watchers" myth**
  Peter references the biblical fact that angels sinned and rebelled against God. Acknowledging that fallen angels exist does not validate Enoch's fables about angels building the ark or women turning into bird-monsters.

Conclusion

"The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." (Psalm 12:6-7)

The King James Version Bible is the complete, preserved, and living Word of God. By contrast, the Apocrypha and Book of Enoch read like bad science fiction novels and are characterized by contradictions, secret societies, and clear factual errors. They hold no spiritual authority and serve only to put doubt in the minds of Christians as to whether or not God has preserved His perfect Word. In some instances, they even pervert the truth of the gospel. Christians should mark and avoid anyone still advocating for their use after being shown the truth.

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